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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

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In reply refer to: KECN-4

To: People Interested in the Tanner Electric Transmission Line

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to build a new transmission line that could affect you. This letter briefly explains what is being proposed, outlines our process and schedule, and tells who to call if you have any questions.

Proposal

BPA is proposing to construct a 4.5-mile transmission line in central King County, Washington. The line would tie a new substation, proposed by Tanner Electric Cooperative, into an existing transmission line, owned by Puget Sound Energy. Tanner needs the new substation to serve existing customers. Both Tanner and Puget will use the new substation to satisfy future growth in the North Bend area.

The proposed line would tie into Puget's line near the Snoqualmie Ridge Business Park and next to an existing BPA line. The new line would parallel BPA's existing line south to Southeast 96th Street where it would turn east and follow 96th Way to the northern edge of I-90 right-of-way. It would follow I-90 right-of-way east to North Bend Way, and then follow the right-of-way of North Bend Way into the City of North Bend. (See enclosed map.) Other possible routes for this transmission line are being considered.

Process/Schedule

We have started assessing environmental impacts of the proposed route and alternatives. We have met and talked with many area landowners to hear their concerns and learn their ideas. You may have seen our staff and contractors conducting survey work and marking trees along the proposed route.

The preliminary Environmental Assessment will be available for your review and comment in the spring of 2000. If you would like to receive a copy, please return the enclosed postcard and check whether you would like a copy by regular or electronic mail. If you do not return the postcard, you will still receive notice when the study is available.

Once the Environmental Assessment is finalized, BPA will decide whether and how to proceed with the project. If BPA decides to proceed, construction would likely begin in 2001.

For More Information

If you have any questions about this proposal, please call me toll-free at 1-800-282-3713, or at my direct number, (503) 230-5949; or send an e-mail to: *kmrobinson@bpa.gov*

If you have comments about this proposal, call BPA's toll-free comment line at 1-800-622-4519, and leave a message, naming this project; or send an e-mail to: *comment@bpa.gov*

Thank you for your interest in our project.

Sincerely,

/s/

Kirk Robinson
Project Manager

2 Enclosures:

Map

Post card